

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled).
2. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim [[1]] 5, wherein the liner has a bottom end that is supported by the support block when the liner is in the raised position.
3. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim [[1]] 5, further including a base, with the support block provided on the base.
4. (Original) The assembly of claim 3, wherein the base defines a skirt surrounding the bottom end of the shell.
 5. (Previously Amended) A trash can assembly, comprising:
a shell having a top end and a bottom end;
a liner defining a container body, the liner fitted inside the shell;
a lid fitted over the top end;
a foot pedal positioned adjacent the bottom end of the shell;
a link assembly coupling the foot pedal and the lid; and
a support block provided adjacent the bottom end of the shell for supporting the liner in a raised position with respect to the shell;
wherein the liner has an upper annular lip, and wherein the assembly further includes an annular wall provided at the top end of the shell, the annular wall having a groove which exposes a portion of the upper lip of the liner.
6. (Canceled).
7. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim [[6]] 9, wherein the liner has a bottom end that is supported by the support means when the liner is in the raised position.
8. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim [[6]] 9, further including a base, with the support means provided on the base.

9. (Previously Amended) A trash can assembly, comprising:
a shell having a top end and a bottom end;
a liner defining a container body, the liner fitted inside the shell;
a lid fitted over the top end;
a foot pedal positioned adjacent the bottom end of the shell;
a link assembly coupling the foot pedal and the lid; and
means provided adjacent the bottom end of the shell for supporting the liner in a raised position with respect to the shell;

wherein the liner has an upper annular lip, and wherein the assembly further includes an annular wall provided at the top end of the shell, the annular wall having a groove which exposes a portion of the upper lip of the liner.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of replacing a trash bag that is supported by a liner in a trash can assembly, comprising:

- a. providing a trash can assembly having:
a shell having a top end and a bottom end, the bottom end having a side edge;
a liner defining a container body;
a lid fitted over the top end;
a foot pedal positioned adjacent the bottom end of the shell;
a link assembly coupling the foot pedal and the lid; and
a support block provided adjacent the side edge of the bottom end of the shell;
- b. fitting a trash bag inside the liner;
- c. seating the liner inside the shell;
- d. raising the liner with respect to the interior of the shell; [[and]]
- e. providing an annular wall at the top end of the shell, the annular wall having a groove;
f. gripping an upper lip of the liner via the groove to raise the liner; and
[[e.]] g. supporting the liner on the support block in a raised position at an angle with respect to the shell when removing the trash bag.

11. (Canceled).